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SUBJ: LABOR - CONTINUING PRE-CONVENTION SELECTION OF DELEGATES

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1. WHILE THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE COMMUNIST-DOMINATED CGIL BEGINS TODAY, THE OTHER TWO LABOR CONFEDERATIONS ARE STILL BUSILY INVOLVED IN THE DELEGATE SELECTION PROCESS THROUGH THE HOLDING OF CONVENTIONS BY REGIONAL AND PROVINCIAL ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL AS THE SUBORDINATE CATEGORY UNIONS.

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2. BOTH THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC-ORIENTED CISL AND THE SOCIALIST-LED UIL HELD REGIONAL CONVENTIONS IN ROME OVER THE WEEKEND. IN CISL, NATIONAL SECRETARY FRANCO MARINI AND HIS ASSOCIATES SUCCEEDED IN REPEATING AT THE REGIONAL (LAZIO) LEVEL THEIR EARLIER COUP (ROME 9058) IN THE ROME PROVINCIAL CONVENTION OF CAPTURING HTE LEADERSHIP, AND THUS THE MAJORITY OF DELEGATES TO

THE CISL CONVENTION.

3. IN THE UIL, THE REPUBLICANS WALKED OUT, COMPLAINING THAT THE SOCIALISTS WERE INFLATING THEIR MEMBERSHIP STRENGTH AND THUS UNDER-REPRESENTING THE REPUBLICANS IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF LEADERSHIP POSTS. THE SOCIALISTS RETORTED THAT, THOUGH THEY CONTROL 85 PERCENT OF THE UIL MEMBERSHIP IN LAZIO THEY WERE ADVOCATING REPUBLICAN REPRESENTATION IN EXCESS OF THEIR TURE NUMBERS. THE LAZIO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOW CONSISTS OF 52 SOCIALISTS, 25 SOCIAL DEMOCRATS AND 14 REPUBLICANS; THEIR IS COME DOUBT WHETHER THE REPUBLICANS WILL ASSUME THEIR POSTS. IN MILAN, MEANWHILE, THE UIL PROVINCIAL CONVENTION STRONGLY REAFFIRMED THE LEADERSHIP OF THE MODERATE YOUNG SOCIALIST LORIS ZAFFRA, A RECENT IVP GRANTEE.

4. COMMENT. WITH THE HEARTENING PERFORMANCE OF MARINI AND HIS FOLLOWERS, THE CISL CONVENTION IS SHAPING UP AS A VERY CLOSE CONTEST BETWEEN THE CARNITI RADICALS AND THE MARINI MODERATES. AT THE CIL, BENVENUTO AND THE SOCIALISTS ARE EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTIES IN HOLDING THE ORGANIZATION INTACT. BOTH CONVENTIONS PROMISE TO BE LIVELY AFFAIRS. GARDNER

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